

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: Vice Chair Frank Garner, on January 16, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 455 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Frank Garner, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Alan Doane (R)
Rep. Dave Fern (D)
Rep. Bruce Grubbs (R)
Rep. Jim Hamilton (D)
Rep. Denley M. Loge (R)
Rep. Wendy McKamey (R)
Rep. Ray L. Shaw (R)
Rep. Bridget Smith (D)
Rep. Kathy Swanson (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. Steve Lavin, Chair (R)
Rep. George G. Kipp III, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Jeremy Trebas (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Abigail Konen, Committee Secretary
Jason Mohr, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing and Date Posted: HB 152, 1/10/17; HB 180, 1/10/17; HB 205, 1/10/17
Executive Action on: HB 41, Do Pass; HB 55, Do Pass as Amended; HB 146, Do Pass as Amended; HB 170, Be Tabled; HB 174, Be Tabled

HEARING ON HB 180

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:22 Rep. Denley Loge (R), HD 14, Restrict cell phone use in work and school zones.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:49 Dwane Kailey, Montana Department of Transportation, (MDT)
00:06:50 Rep. Kipp III joined the meeting
00:07:48 Cary Hegreberg, Montana Contractors Association, (MCA)
00:09:40 Bob Armstrong, Montana Highway Patrol, (MHP)
00:11:44 Spook Stang, Motor Carriers of Montana, (MCM)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:14:17 Rep. Loge

HEARING ON HB 152

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:15:47 Rep. Tom Welch (R), HD 72, Authorize counties to establish junk vehicle capital improvement funds.
00:16:11 Rep. Trebas joined the meeting

Proponents' Testimony:

00:21:35 Mike McGinley, Beaverhead County Commissioner

[EXHIBIT\(trh11a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(trh11a02\)](#)

00:24:54 Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties, (MACo)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:26:26 Bruce Meyer, Self

Informational Testimony:

00:29:52 Ed Thamke, Department of Environmental Quality, (DEQ)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:30:20 Rep. Smith
00:30:39 Rep. Welch
00:31:24 Rep. Fern
00:32:11 Ed Thamke, DEQ
00:33:16 Vice Chair Garner
00:33:38 Ed Thamke, DEQ
00:34:43 Rep. Smith
00:35:27 Bruce Meyer, Self
00:38:11 Rep. Hamilton

00:38:46 Rep. Welch
 00:39:24 Rep. Fern
 00:40:00 Mike McGinley, Beaverhead County Commissioner
 00:41:29 Rep. Grubbs
 00:41:48 Harold Blattie, MACo
 00:42:49 Rep. Grubbs
 00:43:05 Ed Thamke, DEQ
 00:44:00 Rep. McKamey
 00:44:25 Harold Blattie, MACo

Closing by Sponsor:

00:45:05 Rep. Welch

HEARING ON HB 205

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:46:49 Rep. Alan Redfield (R), HD 59, Revise tax laws related to vehicles.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:51:03 Cary Hegreberg, Montana Contractors Association, (MCA)
 00:54:17 Mike McGinley, Beaverhead County Commissioner and Montana Association of Counties, (MACo)
 00:55:40 Spook Stang, Motor Carriers of Montana, (MCM)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:57:46 John MacDonald, Alliance of Auto Manufacturers
 00:59:58 Mona Jamison, General Motors, (GM)
 01:01:07 Ronda Wiggers, Montana County Treasurers Association, (MCTA)

Informational Testimony:

01:05:17 Larry Flynn, Montana Department of Transportation, (MDT)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:05:58 Rep. Fern
 01:06:24 Rep. Redfield
 01:07:09 Rep. Fern
 01:07:34 Rep. Redfield
 01:08:04 Rep. Smith
 01:08:31 Rep. Redfield
 01:09:07 Rep. Hamilton
 01:09:38 John MacDonald, Alliance of Auto Manufacturers
 01:10:02 Vice Chair Garner
 01:10:32 Rep. Redfield
 01:12:02 Vice Chair Garner
 01:12:11 Rep. Redfield
 01:12:34 Larry Flynn, MDT

Closing by Sponsor:

01:13:49 Rep. Redfield

01:14:45 Vice Chair Garner
01:15:43 Rep. Doane
01:15:56 Vice Chair Garner

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 41

01:17:12 **Motion:** Rep. Kipp III moved that **HB 41 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:17:24 Rep. McKamey
01:18:06 Spook Stang, Motor Carriers of Montana, (MCM)
01:20:00 Rep. Loge

01:20:38 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Lavin voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 55

01:21:04 **Motion:** Rep. Kipp III moved that **HB 55 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:21:20 Rep. Doane
01:21:32 Rep. Loge
01:21:45 Vice Chair Garner
01:22:02 Jason Mohr, LSD
01:22:46 Rep. Loge
01:23:00 Vice Chair Garner

01:23:32 **Motion:** Rep. Loge moved that **HB 55 BE AMENDED.**

EXHIBIT(trh11a03)

Discussion:

01:23:49 Rep. Loge
01:24:48 Rep. Doane
01:24:55 Rep. Fern
01:25:09 Rep. Loge

01:25:28 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Lavin voted by proxy.

01:25:50 **Motion:** Rep. Kipp III moved that **HB 55 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

01:26:00 Vice Chair Garner
01:26:05 Rep. Doane
01:26:39 Rep. Loge

01:27:26 **Vote:** Motion carried 12-1 by roll call vote with Rep. Doane voting no. Rep. Lavin voted by proxy.

01:28:13 Rep. Loge

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 146

01:28:27 **Motion:** Rep. Kipp III moved that **HB 146 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:29:00 Vice Chair Garner

01:29:30 Jason Mohr, LSD

01:30:01 Vice Chair Garner

01:30:05 **Motion:** Rep. Shaw moved that **HB 146 BE AMENDED.**

EXHIBIT(trh11a04)

Discussion:

01:31:14 Rep. Shaw

01:31:28 Jason Mohr, LSD

01:33:04 Rep. McKamey

01:33:24 Jason Mohr, LSD

01:34:06 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Lavin voted by proxy.

01:34:30 **Motion:** Rep. Kipp III moved that **HB 146 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

01:34:54 Rep. Hamilton

01:35:40 Vice Chair Garner

01:35:45 Jason Mohr, LSD

01:36:05 Vice Chair Garner

01:36:14 Rep. Hamilton

01:36:44 Vice Chair Garner

01:36:54 Rep. Smith

01:37:05 Vice Chair Garner

01:37:17 Rep. McKamey

01:37:42 Vice Chair Garner

01:39:00 Jason Mohr, LSD

01:39:28 Vice Chair Garner

01:39:41 Rep. Doane

01:40:18 Rep. Hamilton

01:40:44 Vice Chair Garner

01:41:00 Vice Chair Kipp III

01:41:53 Vice Chair Garner

01:42:03 Jason Mohr, LSD

01:42:14 Vice Chair Garner

01:42:25 Rep. Fern

01:42:56 Jason Mohr, LSD

01:43:25 Vice Chair Garner

01:44:01 Rep. Loge

01:44:28 Vice Chair Garner

01:44:37 Rep. Hamilton

01:45:00 Vice Chair Garner

01:45:31 Rep. Hamilton
01:45:37 Vice Chair Garner

01:46:46 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Lavin voted by proxy.

01:47:02 Rep. Shaw

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 170

01:47:54 **Motion:** Rep. Kipp III moved that **HB 170 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:48:07 Rep. Doane
01:48:15 Rep. Trebas
01:48:59 Vice Chair Garner
01:49:04 Rep. Doane
01:49:14 Vice Chair Garner
01:49:19 Rep. Fern
01:49:48 Vice Chair Garner

01:49:55 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Fern made a substitute motion that **HB 170 BE TABLED.** Substitute Motion carried 11-2 by voice vote with Rep. McKamey and Rep. Trebas voting no. Rep. Lavin voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 174

01:51:08 **Motion:** Rep. Kipp III moved that **HB 174 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:51:31 Rep. Doane

01:52:29 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Doane made a substitute motion that **HB 174 BE TABLED.** Substitute Motion carried 10-3 by roll call vote with Rep. Fern, Rep. Hamilton and Rep. Trebas voting no. Rep. Lavin voted by proxy.

01:53:57 Vice Chair Garner
01:54:23 Rep. Doane
01:54:39 Vice Chair Garner

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 01:55:13

Abigail Konen, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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